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Appreciation for the Work Culture in the U.S.

Algerian Arabic transcript:

ع: آأم هذه هي العقلية. أنا الحق، المريكاني آآ تعجبني آآ يعني كايين فيها فرص بزاف، تاع الخدمة، تاع يعني تاع و يقادروك. يقادرو الواحد يعني مي الواحد يكون عنده آآ le diplôme و كلش و يبين، يبين يعني الكفاءة تاعه و كلش، يي آآ يقادروك و يي آآ ماشي غير بال آآ كايين خطرات هذيكَ المعرفة و كتاتف، كايين على كل حال... {ضحك}... بصح يعني في، على العموم en général كايين هم مي يشوفوش انت منين ولا من وينك ولا يعني... هي على حساب الی، على حساب الی كنت يعني افريقية امريكية ولا. بصح... بصح بالنسبة ليا أنا، حتى لذروك هذه، هذه قريبة شحال؟ 14 عام ألي اني ساكن هنا...
س: واو

ع: اهه، 14 عام آآ الحق يعني الخدامي ألي خدمت فيهم، الحمد لله الجامعات ألي يعني هم يشوفو آآ لاخور CV تاعك. يشوفو التجربة تاعك يعني المهنية و على حساب الكفاءات تاعك و كلش. ما يشوفش منين انت، الی كنت عربية ولا جزائرية ولا... هذه الحاجة ألي تعجبني فيهم... فرنسا لا، فرنسا آآ تكوني عربية ولا آآ هه ولا عربي آآ و لسم عربي، صعيبه بزاف.

English translation:

A: To be honest, I like America because there are many opportunities for jobs, and they [Americans] really value people. If one has *le diplôme* and is able to show his qualifications, they value you and not just— Of course, there is also the need for connections. But, in general, they don't care about where you come from, your origins or— Of course this also depends on whether you are an African-American or not. But, for me personally and now after living here for fourteen years—

S: Wow.

A: Yeah, fourteen years! To be honest, *alhamdulillah*¹, the jobs that I have worked in—the universities—I mean, they judge you based on your CV and your work experience. Basically, it depends on your qualifications and they don't look at where you are from— whether you are an Arab or an Algerian. This is the thing I like about them. It's not the case in France. In France, if you are a female Arab or a male Arab and your name is Arab, it's very difficult for you.

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¹ *Alhamdulillah*: Thank God (literally: "Praise Allah"): An Arabic expression used in a variety of contexts, but most often to express thankfulness for or an awareness of grace in any good thing.

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